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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 107554977 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/AU2004/000560 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 30 April 2004 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 1 May 2003 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION ACOUSTIC GUITAR ASSEMBLY METHOD AND APPARATUS | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US CLARK, Bradley | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). </p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). </p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. </p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> | | |
| <p>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> | | |

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20. Other items or information:

Copy of the Front Page of the Published PCT Application WO 2004/097790 A1 and a Copy of the International Search Report dated 02 July 2004 - 4 pages.

| The following fees have been submitted | | | | CALCULATIONS | PTO USE ONLY |
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| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))..... | | | | \$ 300 | |
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| TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 = | | | | 900 | |
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| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | \$ | |
| Total claims | 28 | - 20 = 8 | x \$ 50 | \$ 400 | |
| Independent claims | 11 | - 3 = 8 | x \$200 | \$ 1,600 | |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) | | | | + \$360 | \$ 0 |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | \$ 2,900 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by ½. | | | | | |
| | | | | SUBTOTAL = | \$ 2,900 |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)). + | | | | \$ | |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | | | \$ 2,900 | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + | | | | \$ | |
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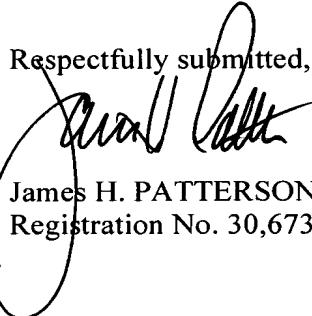
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1. Submission of Documents – 1 page;
2. Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371 – 3 pages;
3. Preliminary Amendment – 10 pages;
4. Front Page of the PCT Publication No. WO 2004/097790 – 1 page;
5. Copy of International Search Report dated 02 July 2004 – 4 pages;
6. Check in the amount of \$2,900.00; and
7. Return Postcard.

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